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We'll be back next week with more hilariously unlabeled photos.

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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [dlhernandez@tribune.com](mailto:dlhernandez@tribune.com). For Friday, we have Kisha Harper. Think she's a ringer for Stacey Dash? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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## CASUAL FRIDAY



Malia Obama takes Bo for a run on the White House lawn. AP

# Bobama mania

What a week it's been for the First Dog.

Without question, Bo, the Obamas' 6-month-old Portuguese water dog, is the biggest mover and shaker in the White House since noted dance enthusiast George W. Bush.

Bo made his public debut Tuesday with President Obama and family at the White House—and RedEye can only imagine how many new tricks Bo has learned in his first few days inside the Beltway. In fact, RedEye will imagine how many new tricks Bo has learned. Enjoy.

**BEG:** This one's actually a trick left over from the Clinton White House.

**FETCH:** Have you seen Michelle Obama's arms? You know Bo's getting a workout chasing down whatever she throws.

**HAUL ASS:** Will come in handy the first time Bo leaves a present on the Oval Office carpet.

Casual Friday is a, um, casual take on this week's news. Have an idea for us? E-mail [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com) or join the ongoing discussion at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](http://twitter.com/redeyechicago).

# H2Overboard

## Niche water products touted as more pure—even holy

Columbia News Service

**NEW YORK** Vitamin Water? How about oxygen water?

The Big Pitcher claims to increase the oxygen level in drinking water from 2 to 11 parts per million. That boost, the company says, will lead to "increased energy and metabolism, improved sleep patterns, reduction in circulation problems and healthier, younger-looking skin and hair."

And the blender-shaped Big Pitcher oxygenator has competition, as other companies tout their own oxygenated water products. Oxygen-saturated water, however, is not the only unusual take on nature's oldest form of refreshment.

At a time when sales of bottled water are at an all-time high, a number of surprising water products are trying to carve out niches in the market. Consumers can indulge in deep-sea water drawn from 3,000 feet below the surface of the Pacific Ocean and purported to be unrivaled in its purity. For those of a more religious bent, holy water is available for drinking, complete with "Sinners Beware" labeling.

But many experts argue that attempts to improve on plain old H<sub>2</sub>O are more marketing than science. Even as unusual forms of water gain in popularity, skeptics say their claims are pretty hard to swallow.

### HOLY WATER?

Brian Germann is president and CEO of California-based Wayne Enterprises, a company that sold computer software for law enforcement before diversifying into drinkable holy water. Wayne Enterprises has sold around 10,000 bottles since then, each featuring a "Sinners Beware" label that jokingly warns of burning, vomiting and rashes among the other maladies that may befall an unfit drinker.

"If you need oxygen, it's through breathing," says Dr. Joshua Barzilay, a Georgia-based internist and co-author of "The Water We Drink: Water Quality and Its Effects on Health." "This is just playing on people's desire to be healthy. There's no scientific evidence for any of this."

Backed by aggressive marketing, the size of the bottled water industry in the U.S. expanded to more than \$12 billion in 2008. But with hundreds of brands of water on the market today, along with a wide variety of filtration devices, new companies have relied on their creativity—and the distinctiveness of their product—to try to find a niche.

MaHaLo Hawaii Deep Sea says its product is "a modern miracle enriched by thousands of years of protection from pollution and brimming with life's essential minerals." They also charge as much as \$75 per case, not including shipping.

"The claims don't bear out," said Tom Lauria of the International Bottled Water Association. "We don't represent any of the companies that sell so-called oxygenated water or deep-sea water because they're not selling water—they're selling myth."



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#### TALK TO US

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## Where's the beef? In Hollywood!

Too much red meat is bad for your health, scientific research says. Well, somebody send that message to Hollywood.

Country singers, actors, rockers and sexy starlets are engaging in Grade A beef more fit for 50 Cent.

Even the affable Ashton Kutcher jumped into a feud Wednesday with a wager he can reach a million Twitter followers before CNN. Kutcher's YouTube bravado inspired CNN to unleash one of its ancient weapons, Larry King, onto the InterWebs with a mocking response.

But at least Kutcher and King/CNN are kidding.

Not so much for other Hollywood feuds, including:

### Toby Keith vs. Ethan Hawke

**The beef:** In a recent Rolling Stone profile, Hawke wrote a first-person account of an alleged showdown between a country musician identified as "the Star" and singer Kris Kristofferson. Keith has said the unnamed "Star" is him, and railed against being depicted as a hawkish wiseguy during a 2003 concert.

**What's really cooking:** Yes, Keith comes across like a bomb-crazed buffoon in the Rolling Stone article so it's understandable he would be upset, especially when Hawke wasn't remotely subtle with his hints. However, intense Hawke-hating and calling the account a "fictitious [expletive] lie" makes it seem more likely Keith did get crazy at that concert. Advantage: Hawke.

### Stevie Nicks vs. Lindsay Lohan

**The beef:** Rocker Stevie Nicks blasted LiLo during a recent New York Times interview after being told Lohan was interested in buying the rights to her story and possibly portraying her in a biopic. "Over my dead body," Nicks told the paper, adding: "She needs to stop doing drugs and get a grip."

**What's really cooking:** Nicks is entitled to an opinion about who might play her in a movie, but picking on Lohan is like punting a puppy. Currently, the scarlet-haired starlet's most buzzed-about role is playing herself in a self-deprecating eHarmony send-up. Give the girl a break.

### Scarlet Johansson vs. The Media

**The beef:** ScarJo went Huffington Postal in a Monday piece called "The Skinny," in which she railed against "toilet paper rags" reporting that she is preparing for her "Iron Man 2" role by getting "on a strict workout routine regulated by co-stars, whipped into shape by trainers I've never met, eating sprouted grains I can't pronounce."

**What's really cooking:** Johansson is peeved because the breathless, and what she called untrue, tab accounts of her workout regimen set a poor example for young girls and could encourage eating disorders. Excellent point, and frankly, it is annoying to read continuous coverage about which actresses are too big, too thin or on the cusp of reaching either state. ScarJo wins this round.



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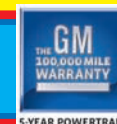
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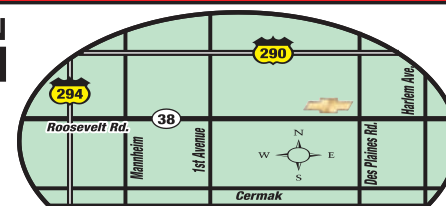
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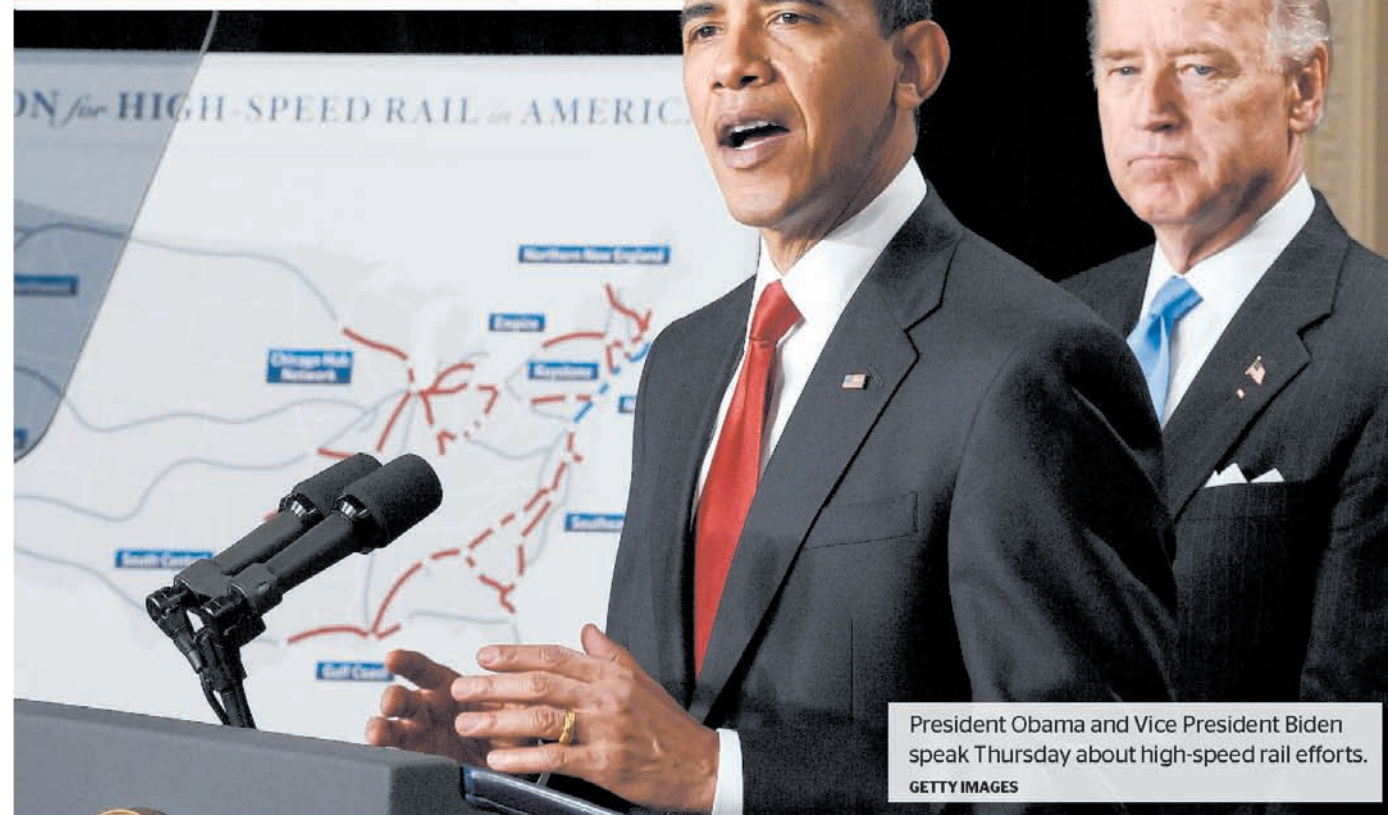
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President Obama and Vice President Biden speak Thursday about high-speed rail efforts.

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## Program offers sex workers a way out

### Chicago Tribune

The woman leans back in the chair, her head flopping from side to side, her bloodshot eyes rolling back. High on heroin and cocaine, she struggles to keep her eyes open. With a serrated voice, she tells the social workers she is ready to leave the street.

"I'm just so tired and scared," says the Chicago woman, 26. "I know the next car I jump in may be the last."

Just an hour earlier, she was arrested on a Chicago street for prostitution for the 13th time in five years.

But instead of going straight to a police lockup, she sits in a windowless room at the Cook County sheriff's office in Maywood as three women lay out her choices: stay on the street and risk her life or get help, right here, right now.

"You don't have to go out there again. We're going to find you some place to stay tonight," whispers Brenda Myers-Powell as she leans toward the woman in the cramped room.

Myers-Powell works as one of two peer coordinators for Sheriff Tom Dart's prostitution intervention team.

The coordinators offer shelter, counseling for drug addiction or abuse, child care, financial assistance and jobs for prostitutes after their arrests. And they do it with an understanding ear; both coordinators are former prostitutes.

"Our goal is very simple: to try to reach a woman at her most vulnerable point and show her the way out," said Dorenda Dixon, who supervises the coordinators.

The intervention program is the brainchild of the county's Department of Women's Justice Services, which for a decade has worked with women inmates in the County Jail.

More than a year in planning, the intervention program still is in its infancy and off to a modest start. In its first test as part of a prostitution roundup in November, only one of eight women picked up agreed to join the program. She still is in it, attending weekly meetings with staff, getting help with child care and re-enrolling in college.

# High-speed progress

## Obama shares ambitious plan for faster rail network for Chicago, country

### Staff and wire reports

President Obama on Thursday outlined plans for a high-speed rail network he said would change the way Americans travel, drawing comparisons to the 1950s creation of the interstate highway system.

Obama was careful to point out that his plan was only a down payment on an ambitious plan that, if realized, could connect Chicago and St. Louis, Orlando and Miami, Portland, Ore., and Seattle and dozens of other metropolitan areas around the country with high-speed trains.

Passenger trains traveling at 110 mph—arriving in Chicago from St. Louis in less than four hours—can be operating in about three or four years, Illinois officials said.

But there's no guarantee that the nation has the political will or the hundreds of billions of dollars and decades it would take to build a comprehensive fast rail system.

The U.S. trails other developed countries in developing high-speed rail. The Spanish can travel the 386 miles from Madrid to Barcelona at speeds averaging almost 150 mph. Japan's Shinkansen links its major cities at speeds averaging 180 mph

### FASTER, FASTER!

Among the states, California has the most ambitious high-speed rail program, aimed at operating trains at up to 220 mph on grade-separated tracks running about 700 miles from the San Francisco Bay area to Sacramento, L.A. and San Diego. California passed a \$10 billion bond measure last fall.

and France's TGV train averages about 133 mph in carrying passengers from Paris to Lyon.

The only U.S. rail service that meets the Federal Railroad Administration's 110 mph threshold to qualify as high-speed rail is Amtrak's 9-year-old Acela Express route connecting Boston to Washington, D.C.

Chicago officials are hopeful fast trains will be operating by 2016 to deliver visitors to a possible Summer Olympics in the city. In addition, high-speed train service would facilitate travel to out-of-town venues, including an Olympic bicycling competition planned in Madison, Wis., noted Luann Hamilton, a deputy commissioner in the Chicago Department of Transportation.

"We are decades behind Europe and Asia in developing high-speed infrastructure, but today marked an exciting, huge step," said Rick Harnish, executive director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association. "Having a president who fully understands how critical this is to our future is a real game-changer."

Harnish recommended that Illinois focus resources on building additional tracks in a 50-mile radius of the congested Chicago area, where Amtrak trains often crawl due to freight train interference.

Despite slow and late trains, Amtrak ridership on Illinois routes has experienced double-digit increases in recent years. There's little question that a strong market exists for high-quality high-speed rail service.

"The last time I flew, I had to take three planes, which is not fun," Rachel Bouquard of Chicago said as she waited for a Southwest Airlines flight at Midway on Thursday.

She welcomed trains as an alternative to flying, but "only if it is less money and less inconvenient," Bouquard said.



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Rescue personnel work at the scene Wednesday where a McDonald's golden arches sign fell on a car in Window Rock, Ariz.

## Couple hurt by McDonald's sign

A McDonald's golden arches sign toppled off its pedestal in Arizona, severely injuring a Naperville couple who had stopped for lunch, police and relatives said Thursday.

Russell and Carolyn Janke were driving back to Naperville after spending the winter in Apache Junction, Ariz., when they stopped around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at a McDonald's in Window Rock, Ariz., said their son, Rick Janke.

Acting Navajo Nation Police Chief Steve Nelson said winds in the area Wednesday "were probably 60 miles-per-hour plus."

As the couple sat in the parking lot, the sign fell off its pedestal, crushing their Chevrolet Trailblazer.

Russell Janke suffered a laceration on his head from the accident, but was alert and able to communicate with authorities, Nelson said. He was in fair condition, his son said. Carolyn Janke was knocked unconscious by the sign and suffered a fractured spinal column and fractured sternum; she was in critical condition, her son said.

Rick Janke said he was "stunned" after learning of the accident about 5 p.m. Wednesday and was trying to catch a flight to Arizona to see his parents in the hospital.

"It's a freak accident," Nelson said.

## Peoria bar's sign prompts gay community protest

In bright yellow capital letters, the sign on the karaoke bar in downtown Peoria was clear: "WE ARE NOT A GAY BAR!!"

The local gay community got the message. And it apparently was just the rallying cry it needed.

In a flurry of forwarded Facebook, MySpace and text messages, a coalition quickly mobilized and dozens of gay rights supporters lined up last weekend outside The Elbo Room to express their outrage.

"The sign was basically a sign of intolerance, and we're not going to stand for it anymore," said Stephanie Worlow, 27, one of the organizers of the protest that drew nearly 40 people.

The group held three protests last weekend, one of which drew the attention of paintballers, who fired on the crowd. Police had no suspects in that attack.

Bar owner Greg Quast could not be reached for comment. But last week, he issued a statement apologizing for the sign, saying he's taken action to ensure it doesn't happen again.



Lorena Buenrostro (center, red hair), the mother of Andrew Cazares, is comforted Thursday during her son's funeral in Justice. Cazares was one of two killed when authorities say an off-duty cop slammed into their car last week. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

# Hundreds mourn car crash victim

About 300 people attended the funeral and burial Thursday for Andrew Cazares, one of the two men killed when authorities say a drunken off-duty Chicago police detective slammed into their car on the Dan Ryan Expressway last week.

Mourners spilled out of the aisles of Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home and Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Ave. in Justice, as the Summit artist and musician, who was known by the nickname "Evol"—"love" backward—was remembered.

Cazares, 23, was giving a ride to his friend Fausto Manzera, 21, last Friday morning after hanging out at a nightclub, just a few blocks from a bar where, police say, off-duty Detective Joseph Frugoli may have been drinking.

At Thursday's funeral, nothing was said about the circumstances of the crash that took Cazares' life.

Rev. Michael Pfleger spoke at the funeral after being asked to attend by family, who he said have not attended church recently. Pfleger also brought along a Spanish-speaking priest to address mourners.

After about a one-hour service, attendees traveled to a nearby cemetery where Cazares was put to rest. A friend put a skateboard in his grave.

Another friend, Chris Hummel, 23, who said he used to live with Cazares, was angry the officer was let out on bond.

"I used to call Andrew eight times a day. Who am I going to call now? This whole thing has left a hole in my heart," Hummel said.

## New details in Stebic case

Investigators have in recent months uncovered new details in the disappearance of Plainfield mom Lisa Stebic, though nothing that will "crack the case," the Will County state's attorney's office said. Stebic, who was going through a divorce, vanished on April 30, 2007—the same day she mailed her attorney a petition to have her husband, Craig, removed from their home. Police, who suspect foul play, have named him a "person of interest." He has denied any involvement.

## Blago cohorts in court

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's campaign finance chairman, a millionaire lobbyist and his former chief of staff pleaded not guilty Thursday on charges related to the racketeering and fraud case against the ousted governor. But the former staff chief, John Harris, plans to testify against his former boss and will likely change his plea to guilty, his attorney said. Also in court were Christopher Kelly, a principal fundraiser for Blagojevich, and William Cellini Sr., another fundraiser who also collected funds for Blagojevich.

## DIGIT

# \$845

U.S. Sen. Roland Burris this weekend is

holding his first campaign fundraiser since he took office—and the financial report he filed this week shows he could use some political donations. Burris campaign officials on Thursday released a report showing the new senator raised only \$845 from January through March and had \$111,032 in debts from defending himself in ongoing ethics and perjury probes and travel.

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There are two firehouses at O'Hare.

2 victims

2 victims

3 victims

### KEY TO THE MAP

● The map shows the 95 firehouse locations in Chicago.

● Also shown are the locations of the 12 fatal fires so far this year.

### FIRE FATALITIES BY YEAR

There have been 16 fire deaths in the city in 2009—and there still are more than eight months left in the year.

*Note: Fire fatalities for previous years are for all 12 months.*

2009 (through April 15)

16

2008

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2007

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2006

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2005

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2004

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# Fire deaths on the rise in Chicago

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Chicago is on pace to record a higher number of fire deaths this year than last year.

The Chicago Fire Department has logged 16 fire deaths through April 15, Chicago Fire Cmdr. Will Knight said. There were a total of 17 fire deaths in all of 2008, down from 32 in 2007.

The latest fire death came last week when a retired Chicago Public Schools janitor was killed after an accidental cooking fire broke out in his East Garfield Park home, according to news reports. The fire occurred April 6, and the man's body was discovered two days later by family members.

This winter's subzero temperatures may have played a role in the rise in fatalities because of the reliance on space heaters and candles to keep warm. But Knight said he has noticed a pattern in many of the deaths: no working smoke detectors.

Chicago residential buildings are required to have at least one working smoke detector in every apartment or home and, in a multi-unit building, on the uppermost level of an enclosed front or rear stairwell, according to city municipal code. Commercial buildings must meet different requirements that typically mandate sprinkler systems.

Additionally, carbon monoxide detectors are required in homes that are heated with forced-air units. They are not required when the home is heated with a radiator, but a detector should be placed in the boiler room and the first floor above the boiler room, according to city rules.

The city Department of Buildings performs annual inspections of existing buildings and reviews buildings based on complaints to 311.

In 2008, the buildings department issued 3,151 citations for buildings that didn't have smoke detectors, needed more smoke detectors or needed to fix smoke detectors, department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said. The buildings department has issued 580 of these citations this year.

If a Chicagoan cannot afford a smoke detector, which typically costs about \$7, he or she can pick up a detector and batteries for free at a Chicago firehouse, alderman's office or public education unit, Knight said.

"Everyone has to take responsibility for having a working smoke detector," Knight said. [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

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» The owner of the building is required to supply and install carbon monoxide detectors. The owner must provide written information regarding carbon monoxide testing and maintenance.

» The tenant shall test, provide general maintenance and replace required batteries for carbon monoxide detectors located in his or her unit.

# Gov pushes gay marriage



New York Gov. David Paterson hugs openly gay speaker of the New York City Council Christine Quinn on Thursday after announcing his proposal to legalize same-sex marriage. **GETTY IMAGES**

**6 NEW YORK** Gov. David Paterson announced plans Thursday to legalize same-sex marriage in New York, comparing the effort to the fight for the abolition of slavery.

Paterson, whose job approval rating has plunged below 30 percent, is making a political gamble that he can ride the momentum of other states that have recently allowed the practice. It's unclear how the legislation will play in New York.

The proposal is the same bill the Democrat-controlled state Assembly passed in 2007 before it died in the Senate, where the Republican majority kept it from going to a vote. Democrats now control the Senate, but opponents are vowing to make sure this one fails as well.

Paterson, who is black, framed the issue in sweeping terms, invoking Frederick Douglass and Harriet Beecher Stowe and drawing a parallel between the fight to eliminate slavery in the 1800s to the current effort to allow gay marriage.

"Rights should not be stifled by fear," Paterson said. "What we should understand is that silence should not be a response to injustice. And that if we take no action, we will surely lose."



Remembering Va. Tech

**7 BLACKSBURG, Va.** Some 4,300 people, including several students hurt in the shootings, participated in a 3.2-mile run Thursday to honor 32 people killed by a student gunman at Virginia Tech two years ago. Later in the day, people gathered for a more somber event to remember the accomplishments of the 27 students and five faculty members killed. **AP**



## Hunt for hotel masseuse killer

**1** Boston police are investigating attacks on two masseuses at hotels days before an onslaught of guests for the Boston Marathon. The fatal shooting Tuesday of Julissa Brisman, 26, led the ritzy Marriott Copley to step up security. Police say the same person may have been involved in a robbery last week.

## Palin road trip

**2** Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was scheduled to speak during an anti-abortion group's dinner in Indiana on Thursday night in her first out-of-state trip on a partisan agenda since the presidential campaign ended. The 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate was headlining the Vanderburgh County Right to Life fundraising dinner in Evansville.

## eBay to expand in Asia

**3** eBay Inc. said Thursday it plans to pay as much as \$1.2 billion for control of South Korea's top online marketplace, potentially making it one of the company's largest acquisitions as it moves to expand in Asia. eBay would take a stake of at least 67 percent, based on agreements reached so far with Gmarket.

## FBI allegations

**4** A Michigan Muslim organization said Thursday it has asked U.S. Atty. Gen. Eric Holder to investigate complaints alleging the FBI is asking followers of the faith to spy on Islamic leaders and congregations. Mosques and other groups reported members of the community have been approached to monitor people coming to mosques and donations they make.

## Bridge collapse settlements

**5** The state of Minnesota has reached settlements with all 179 eligible victims of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis two years ago. The individual settlement amounts weren't immediately released. The state's initial offers ranged from about \$5,000 to more than \$2 million for the most grievously injured or the survivors of those killed.

## Female condom touted

Advocates of the female condom are promoting a cheaper, more user-friendly version they hope will vastly expand its role in the global fight against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The FC2 is a soft, transparent sheath with flexible inner and outer rings and made from synthetic rubber, making it cheaper to produce.

## THE DIGIT

# \$215

Price for a slice of very stale cake, a remnant from one of Britain's most controversial royal weddings and thought to be the only surviving item from the 1871 wedding of Queen Victoria's fourth daughter. It went on sale Thursday at the Antiques for Everyone fair in Birmingham, England.

**Boyle**  
**AP**



## The world (wide Web) is her stage

**8 BLACKBURN, Scotland** In a week, Susan Boyle has gone from karaoke and her local church choir to global fame and an invitation to the Oprah Winfrey show.

The frumpy 47-year-old, who says she's never been kissed, has gained celebrity fans and millions of admirers since she wowed judges on the TV show "Britain's Got Talent."

A clip of her performance has been viewed more than 12 million times on YouTube.

"It has been surreal for me," Boyle told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I didn't realize this would be the reaction, I just went on stage and got on with it."

Boyle melted the heart of TV's harshest judge, Simon Cowell, with her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream." Cowell called her singing "extraordinary."

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# sports

Coach John Madden is carried from the field by players after his Oakland Raiders defeated the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl XI on Jan. 9, 1977. **APFILE**

## In his own words

John Madden on ...

### RETIRING

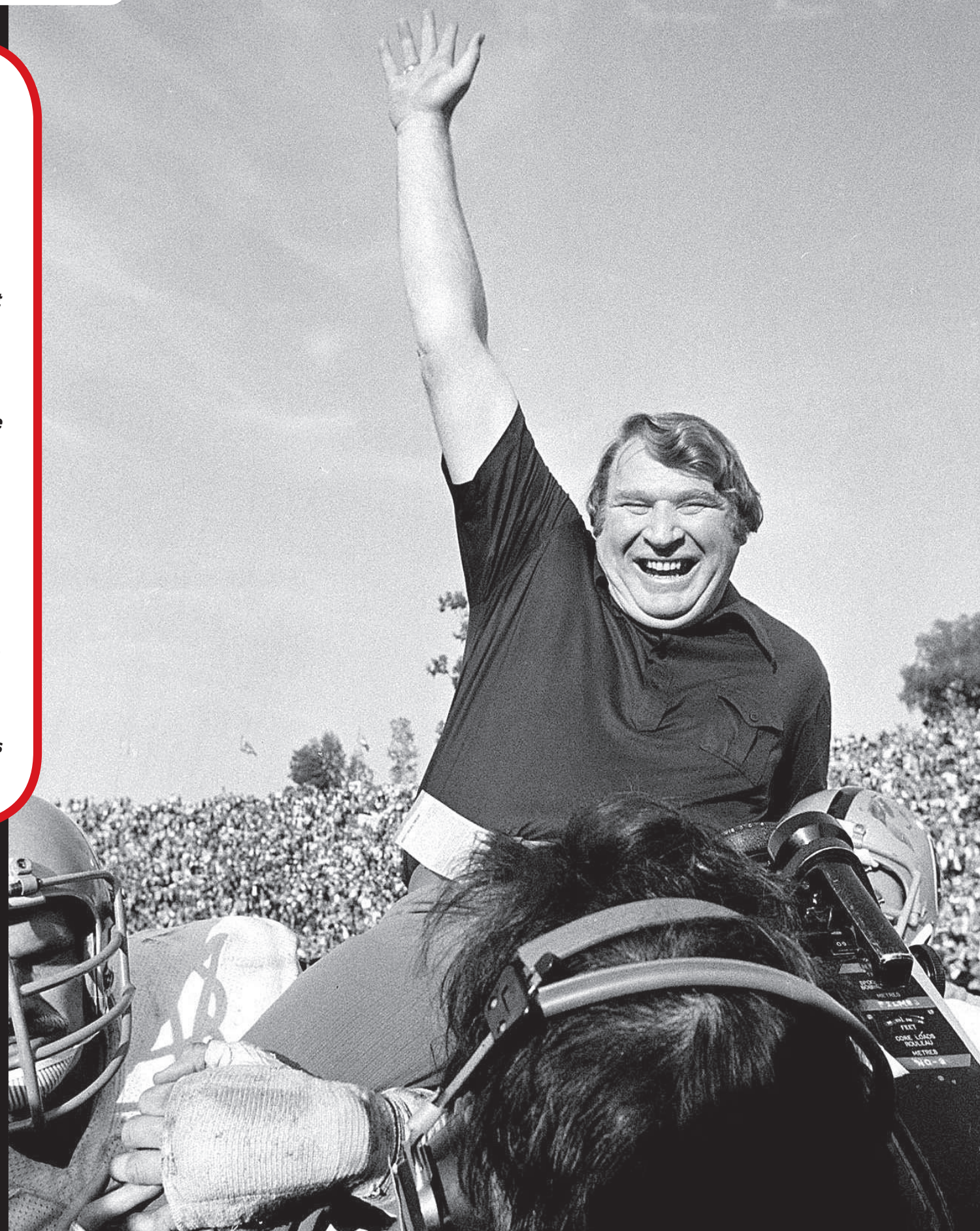
*"It was one of those things when you get around 70 you have to start thinking at some point it's going to be over, but I was one that always believed you never say you're going to retire before you do, because once you say it then you've already done it in your mind and you've already quit."*

### WHAT'S NEXT

*"I'm still going to travel. That's the thing, I'm not going to stay put. I can't do that. I'm still going to have the bus. I'll be going to the Hall of Fame in August. There is always going to be something coming up."*

### HIS FINAL THOUGHTS

*"It was a great ride, I enjoyed every part of it, but that part of my life has come to an end now."*



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### THE WHIZ QUIZ

Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer. Which one of these NFL players has not appeared on the cover of a John Madden video game? Text "**game**" and the number of your answer to **87708**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong.

1. Ray Lewis
2. Vince Young
3. Eddie George

4. Peyton Manning
5. Brett Favre

# Madden World

## Iconic broadcaster is more than just the voice of NFL games

### RedEye

John Madden's retirement from the broadcast booth leaves a huge void (no pun intended), but it's not like the legendary announcer is walking off the face of the Earth.

He'll be remembered as much for his video games and his Thanksgiving "nuclear turkey" drumsticks as he will for his time behind the mic.

In the spirit of his turducken drumstick awards for MVP-quality player performances in the annual Thanksgiving Day games, here's a look at some things associated with Madden and their importance.

### THE KEY

#### 4 drumsticks:

Bigger than the man himself.

#### 3 drumsticks:

Woot!

#### 2 drumsticks: OK,

I guess this is cool.

#### 1 drumstick: What?



### Madden NFL video games

This series by EA Sports has become the biggest-selling sports game in the history of gaming. Madden has a lifetime contract with the game-maker. He's 73, so that's not quite as long as it sounds.



### The Madden Cruiser

Madden didn't like to fly, so he traveled to games by a bus that became known as The Madden Cruiser. The Cruiser is adorned with an Outback Steakhouse paint scheme through a sponsorship deal. No joke.



GETTY IMAGES FILE



### 'Daily Madden'

A radio show on KCBS in San Francisco. Well, he does have a face for radio.



### The Madden Curse

Unfortunately, the Madden video game has led to The Madden Curse. Many of the players featured on the cover of the game have suffered negatively in some way in the seasons afterward.

Daunte Culpepper, Donovan McNabb and Shaun Alexander are among the players who have suffered injuries in their season appearing on the cover. And Michael Vick? Well, let's say he took the biggest hit of all.



### The All-Madden Team

In 1984, Madden began picking this team of players who he thought best represented how the game should be played. The tradition lasted until 2001, when he moved on to "Monday Night Football." Former Bears Richard Dent and Walter Payton are among the Madden Team honorees.



### Maddenisms

His no-nonsense style of announcing was a big part of his appeal. He often used exclamations like "boom" or "wham" during a game. How about "woot" or "epic fail"? Probably not.

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John Madden—the legend, the voice, the tell-it-like-it-is broadcaster—is stepping aside.

I'll be brutally honest here. I'm never, *never*, going to look at my TV the same again. When I'm playing Madden football, of course.

Here now, my TV picks.



**MLB**  
**CUBS VS. ST. LOUIS**

1:20 p.m. WGN

I hate the Cards. Who's with me? Raise your hand—unless you're holding this paper.



**WHITE SOX AT TAMPA**

6:30 p.m. CSN

Old people in Florida wear black socks. And here come the White Sox. Interesting.

**NASCAR**  
**NATIONWIDE SERIES IN PHOENIX**

8:30 p.m. ESPN2  
How do they race at night without headlights?

## Madden nation

Is John Madden the most famous Madden? There are plenty of others out there vying for the spotlight. Such as:



### Chris Madden

Designer who appeared on Oprah Winfrey's show as a correspondent and hosted a show on HGTV for eight seasons.



### Benji Madden

Good Charlotte guitar player and vocalist. Former boyfriend of Paris Hilton.



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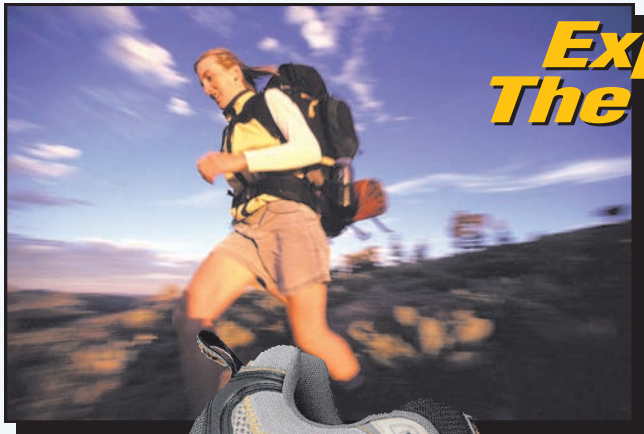


# Playoff fever

Akia Young wanted to be on Five on Five, so she just asked us. You can sign up too at [redeychicago.com/facebookfives](http://redeychicago.com/facebookfives).



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<b>1</b> Give the Bulls some playoff advice.	Don't change your late April vacation plans.	If you ain't first, you're last.	Just relax—no pressure. We're not expecting a win, anyway.	Look both ways before crossing the court.	If you try to grow a playoff beard like I am, don't be intimidated by mine.
<b>2</b> What grade do you give Vinny Del Negro after his first year of coaching?	B-minus. Got 'em in the playoffs and managed a roster overhaul.	Vinny "D" Negro barely passes, much like his team.	B-plus. He's done a heckuva lot better than some of his predecessors.	Some schools don't give grades, you know. I think that's a good thing.	I'd give him a B. And then a U and an L and an L and S. What's it spell? BULLS!
<b>3</b> How should Cubs fans greet the hated Cardinals at Wrigley?	Just a good, old-fashioned chant of "Cardinals Suck!" should do the trick.	They have to speak the language of the Cardinals. Give 'em the bird.	By beating them.	The Cubs can't hate ... until they get to the World Series (oooh).	They're just birds. Ignore them and they'll go away. They're pretty to look at though.
<b>4</b> What could be worse than playing baseball in a dome in Florida?	Reading Tracy's Five on Five answers.	Watching "Bio-Dome" in Florida. D'OOOOOOOOO-OOOHHHHHME!	Why can't Chicago have a dome over it in winter?	Watching baseball on a TV with jacked-up rabbit ears cuz your gramps is too broke to buy a converter box.	Dropping your lollipop in the sand. It's way hard to pick all those grains off.
<b>5</b> The overlooked Fire could use some love. Give 'em some.	Don't feel bad about being overlooked. Feel bad that soccer is boring as hell.	Come on baby, light my Fire/ Try to set the night on Fire.	Yay Fire! Go kick some goals!	If you touch fire it burns, so why in the H-E-double-hockey-sticks would I hug it?	The Fire is the bestest soccer team around. My fave is Brian McBride.



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NHL PLAYOFFS: GAME 1  
BLACKHAWKS 3, CALGARY 2

# NET NUTS

## Playoff-starved Blackhawks fans ride coaster of emotions

Seven years have passed since the last time the Blackhawks played postseason hockey. The drought has been hard on the team, no doubt. But die-hard fans have had it pretty bad too. That's why each high point or lowlight in Thursday's play-off opener vs. Calgary at the United Center gave fans lots to cheer—and jeer—about. Here's how it played out.



The Blackhawks' Kris Versteeg gets checked by the Calgary Flames' Jim Vandermeer Thursday during the first period of Game 1 in the NHL Western Conference quarterfinal playoffs.

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1ST PERIOD	2ND PERIOD	3RD PERIOD
<div>↑ 19:26</div> <div>A Calgary player goes down at center ice. Cheers go up.</div>	<div>↑ 19:29</div> <div>The Hawks finish off the Calgary power play. Order is restored.</div>	<div>↓ 16:06</div> <div>The Flames erupt again with a lead goal from Michael Cammalleri.</div>
<div>↑ 11:45</div> <div>Jonathan Toews stops the puck in front of the Blackhawks' net with a quick stick. Get the puck outta here!</div>	<div>↓ 17:30</div> <div>Ben Eager is penalized for tripping Adam Pardy. Flames get another power play. They always have the power.</div>	<div>↑ 8:39</div> <div>Kris Versteeg excites the crowd with a huge shot on goal off a rebound. Kiprusoff makes a great save.</div>
<div>↓ 11:22</div> <div>No one can stop this one, though, as Calgary's David Moss scores the game's first goal. The UC goes deathly quiet. Seven years for this?!?</div>	<div>↑ 15:27</div> <div>The Blackhawks penalty expires, and at the same time the Hawks' Dave Bolland draws a holding penalty on Jordan Leopold. Who's got the power now, Flames?</div>	<div>↑ 5:33</div> <div>Martin Havlat lights the lamp off a rebound of his own shot, tying the game at 2.</div>
<div>↑ 6:29</div> <div>A penalty against Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff give the Blackhawks a power play. Can they tie it up? Of course not.</div>	<div>↓ 12:28</div> <div>Rene Bourque lays a hit on Patrick Kane, and the crowd calls for a penalty. But no.</div>	<div>↑ 0:00</div> <div>Off to OT we go. Woohoo. Free hockey.</div>
<div>↓ 3:31</div> <div>Toews is nailed for high-sticking—a four-minute penalty. The Hawks are able to kill the power play—this period, at least.</div>	<div>↓ 7:55</div> <div>Boos rain down as Kris Versteeg is tripped but no penalty is called.</div>	<div>↑ 19:48</div> <div>Hawks win! Hawks win! Havlat scores 12 seconds into OT. Blackhawks lead series 1-0.</div>
	<div>↑ 6:43</div> <div>The UC is rockin' as Cam Barker ties the game. Gotta love hearing The Fratellis play over the PA.</div>	<div>OVERTIME</div>

### ONE-LINERS

» Former NFL running back Travis Henry pleads guilty Thursday to trafficking cocaine. » Lance Armstrong tells organizers he will race in the Giro d'Italia from May 9-31. » Suspended NFL star Michael Vick returns to federal prison in Kansas after a stint in Virginia for his bankruptcy case.

### HOMETOWN HITS



Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday that Kevin Garnett will not be ready for Game 1 against the Bulls and possibly won't be back at all. The Bulls don't believe that. "I'm not buying that," forward John Salmons said. Added Derrick Rose: "Knowing him, he would play if his leg was broken."

### NBA PLAYOFFS

Game 1: Bulls at Boston, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, CSN/ESPN

### THURSDAY'S RESULTS

» White Sox 3, Tampa 2

» St. Louis 7, Cubs 4

## Enjoy this before reality bites again



This hasn't happened in a while around here. I'm still not sure how to react.

The Bulls and Blackhawks are in the playoffs. It was 1997 when that last happened.

That's two presidents ago. That's pre-Lewinsky, pre-9/11, pre-Afghanistan and pre-Iraq. For some of us, that's pre-Internet and e-mail.

It was an entirely different world. It seemed safer, more appealing. Heck, we had Michael Jordan on our side. We never lost. As for the Blackhawks, they mattered. Good young team with solid players like Chris Chelios, Ed Belfour ... all chased away.

Enough memories. Let's focus on now.

Bulls-Celtics. No chance. Celtics in two. The Bulls have made some nice moves, got some good vets, but it's over. The Celtics are the defending champs. They have Kevin Garnett (or do they?), Ray Allen and Paul Pierce. The Bulls have Derrick Rose and a bunch of maybes, could-bes, possibilities, never weres. It's just math.

The better scenario is the Blackhawks and Flames. I'll take the Blackhawks. First off, home ice. I don't even know what that term means anymore, but it's good. Patrick Sharp, Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane ... good guys. Hardworking guys. Great goalies, too. I don't know anything about Nikolai Khabibulin, but he can get hot and take us anywhere.

Along with two baseball teams returning from playoff seasons and the Bears with a new quarterback, it adds up to a weird spring. All of this optimism requires a spring poem.

"Oh, Chicago, your winters are so harsh ... you kick me in the behind, day after gray, long day.

"For years, you have offered me so little in terms of hope, one begins to wonder why I live here ...

"But lo! There comes hope. Hawks, Bulls, Sox, Cubs ... the Bears have a QB!

"Oh! Don't let this be a cruel joke. Let it ring true! Let this be the dawning of a new era! When all of our teams compete to win it all! Year after year!

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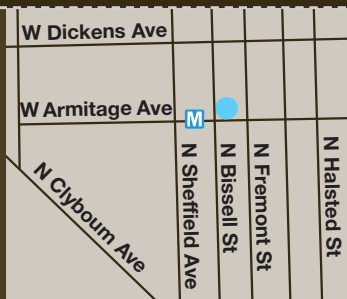
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# 5 new bars

Quench your thirst at these recently opened hangouts

After months of watching sports bar after sports bar open, scenesters will be glad to see some variety on the bar beat this month. From a slick Division Street lounge to an old-school Taylor Street hang, these new bars are ready to pour. But don't worry, sports fans—there are a few new spots for you too.



Fuel Kitchen & Cocktail Lounge  
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## new on the scene

By Lisa Arnett  
METROMIX.COM

### District Bar

170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477  
It missed March Madness, but this contemporary tavern is expecting its liquor license any minute now so it can open in time for this weekend's NBA playoffs. TV alcoves and a hidden bookcase entrance leading to a private party room equal a sporty, speakeasy setting.

### The Ledge Bar & Grill

1745 N. North Ave. 773-252-6053  
With a simple, value-driven menu focused on

burgers, fries and beer, this neighborhood bar opening tonight in the former Parlor space isn't reinventing the wheel, but that's the point.

### Fuel Kitchen & Cocktail Lounge

1725 W. Division St. 773-782-6034  
Just in time for warm weather, sidewalk seating is set to go at this mod bar. You'll find halter-top-wearing gals, bro groups watching the game and couples sipping in front of glowing liquor shelves shaped like oversized gas pumps.

### The Stretch Bar & Grill

3485 N. Clark St. 773-755-3980  
Framed photos of celebs singing "Take Me Out to the

Ball Game" keep the decor somewhat Wrigleyville-reverent, but on nights when the game isn't on, the lights dim down and a DJ turns it up. Sweet cocktails in Mason jars are a cute concept, but something tells us Miller Lite bottles will still reign supreme.

### Jay's on Taylor

1421 W. Taylor St. 312-666-6663  
Grab a spot at the 14-seat bar or huddle around high-top tables at this hang owned by nightlife stalwart Jay Emerich. Nibble on bruschetta and baked clams paired with vino or a well-crafted martini.

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## best bets

By Rebecca Palmore  
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### Chicago Latino Film Festival

AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St.  
Chilean film "El Regalo" ("The Gift") opens the 25th annual fest. Includes a post-screening cocktail reception at River East Arts Center (435 E. Illinois St.). 6 p.m. \$60-\$75. 312-431-1330.

### Art Benefitting Children (ABC)

Enclave, 220 W. Chicago Ave.  
Support pediatric research at Children's

Memorial Hospital at this benefit party. Includes works by 10 local artists, plus cocktails, appetizers and music. 6 p.m. \$50-\$60. 773-880-3298.

### Snuggie Pub Crawl

Lion Head Pub / The Apartment,  
2251 N. Lincoln Ave.

Give the "blanket with sleeves" a hand during this highly anticipated, seven-stop crawl in Lincoln Park. Registration at 10:30 a.m.; crawl at noon. \$22-\$25. Tickets: [snuggiepubcrawl.com](http://snuggiepubcrawl.com)

### Rockfest

Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery,  
1 W. Grand Ave. 312-755-9339.

Sample 40 handcrafted beers from the Midwest brewery chain. Includes handmade Italian beef and sausages. 1 p.m. \$25. RSVP recommended.

### 2nd Story 2009 Festival

Webster's Wine Bar,  
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Executive chef Jackie Chen and Tracey Vowel of Three Sisters Farm demonstrate how to turn garden-grown eats into savory dishes. Includes samples. 11:30 a.m. \$35.



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MAY 1

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MAY 4

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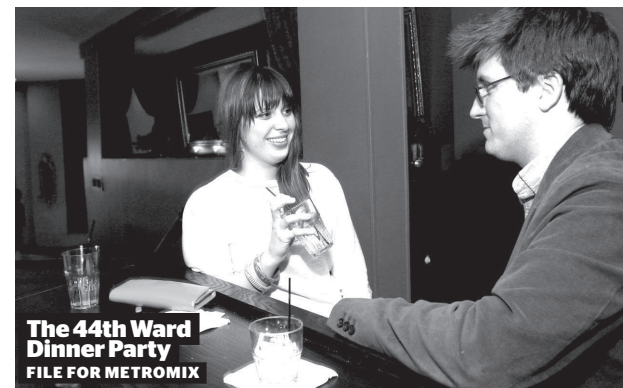
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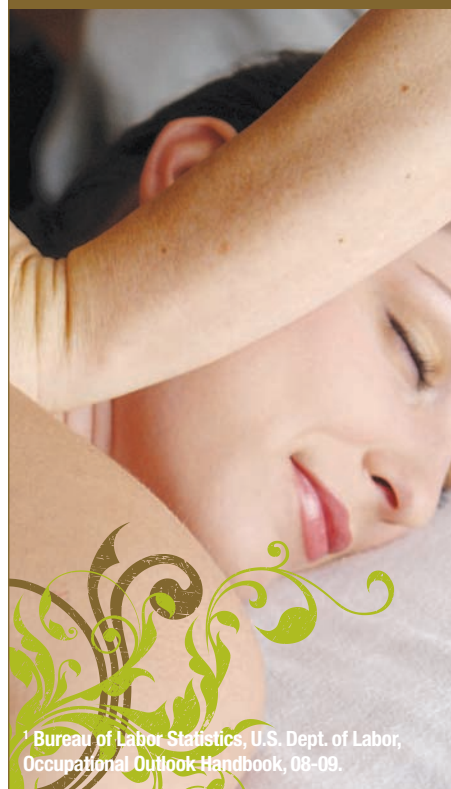
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Reggie's Rock Club,  
2109 S. State St. 312-  
949-0120.

**ROBYN HITCHCOCK**  
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**DAG JUHLIN**  
8 p.m. \$20. Epiphany,  
201 S. Ashland Ave. 773-  
276-3600.

**ROCCO DELUCA,**  
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8:30 p.m. \$16-\$18.  
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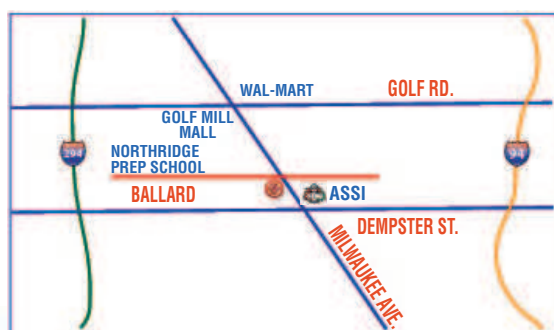
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# Zac attack

Eager to ditch his 'tween image, rising star Efron grows up in '17 Again'

## From staff and news services

Who wouldn't want to be a teenager again? Zac Efron, for one.

So why is Efron, possibly the hottest young star in Hollywood today, going back to high school in the age-switch comedy "17 Again," opening Friday? As the 21-year-old has said in recent interviews, he's not technically 17 in the film. He's an adult trapped in a high school boy's body, and therefore he gets to grapple with many an "adult" emotion.

"It was that chance to switch it up," he told **newsblaze.com**. "It does take place in high school and a high-school setting, but it's not a very high-school character. And that's what I want to do more of."

In the film, Matthew Perry plays 37-year-old failed husband and father Mike O'Donnell, who accidentally falls into a river, emerges in Efron's body, and is miraculously whisked back to his high school years, where he blew off basketball stardom to run away with his pregnant girlfriend.

Efron followed Perry around, studying how the actor moved and the tempo of his speech, in order to nail the man-trapped-in-a-teen's-body idea.

It was a big change for Efron, who made his name playing Troy Bolton, the high school basketball star in three of Disney's "High School Musical" films, and Link Larkin, the singing and dancing sensation of the musical "Hairspray."

"The whole idea of playing a 37-year-old guy as a 17-year-old was just the most exciting prospect for me," Efron said in Interview magazine's April issue. "I was really intrigued by the idea. I've always been kind of an old man, so to speak."

One might blame his early adulthood on fame, and his fame on the "High School Musical" films. Thanks to the three movies, two seen on TV and one that made \$251 million in theaters, Efron grew up in the public eye. But he's never been a tabloid mainstay; he's just not that into his own celebrity, he says.



Efron in "17 Again"

## 17 AGAIN (PG-13)

**Who's in it:** Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Leslie Mann, Michelle Trachtenberg, Sterling Knight

**What it's about:** Aging grouch Mike O'Donnell (Matthew Perry), who is getting divorced from his wife, Scarlett (Mann), and is reviled by his kids

(Trachtenberg and Knight), magically morphs into his springy adolescent self (Zac Efron) and goes back to high school for a do-over.

**Worth watching?** "Efron, as a teen with the brain of a father, ably carries this featherweight movie; he's particularly sweet when wooing the now older Scarlett." **RAFER GUZMAN, NEWSDAY**

"I didn't want to be famous," he told USA Weekend. "I used to get so frustrated. For a while, I felt like I was completely lost in celebrity-land. I didn't know how to handle it. Now I know that I have to plot where I'm going, when I'm going there and where the back entrance is. It's like I'm playing a giant game of tag."

Lately he's been winning the game. Eager to ditch his 'tween pin-up image, he recently hosted "Saturday Night Live," starred in a pool party video on the Funny Or Die Web site, rolled in mud with a naked model for an Interview magazine photo shoot and graced the cover of GQ magazine.

As for his film choices, his tastes are changing, he says.

"There were several roles that I could have done where I would have played essentially another high school student, or they were romances or stories in a high school setting, and there were lots of things that people wanted to turn into musicals," he told Interview.

He opted out of a "Footloose" remake, but

is excited to begin work on "The Death and Life of Charlie St. Cloud," a drama about coping with loss, he told the San Francisco Chronicle. He also has completed an art house movie, "Me and Orson Welles," which doesn't have a release date.

"Zac doesn't take anything for granted," Adam Shankman, who directed Efron in "Hairspray," said in USA Weekend. "He never stops rehearsing, almost to an annoying degree. He's earned his way into more complicated roles."

For now, he's getting generally good reviews for "17 Again." Lisa Kennedy of The Denver Post calls the role a "turning point. He carries this comedy, smiling and delivering warmth in a way that promises he's here to stay."

Efron probably appreciates the praise, but he seems too humble to be affected by it. He's said he just wants to keep growing as an actor.

"I'm definitely not the best actor in the world at this point," he told USA Weekend. "But hopefully, with time and effort and smart decisions, that will change." **NEWSDAY CONTRIBUTED.**

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*I could do prom better; I would definitely give that a retry. And I'd ace my SATs."*

## ZAC EFRON

to USA Today on what he'd do if he could relive his high school years



Zac Efron  
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# Forever young

## Newsday

In the new film “17 Again,” Matthew Perry looks in the mirror one day and sees Zac Efron looking back at him. The 37-year-old man has become a high schooler again.

The becoming-a-teenager-again story line is “a reoccurring theme [in movies],” says “17 Again” director Burr Steers. “It’s one of those themes that people latch onto, the idea you can go back to that pivotal moment in your life, and that incident or accident that changed our lives.”

Well, OK, but maybe the thought of zits, raging hormones and college-admission tests is not all that appealing.

“People remember the best parts of their teen years,” Steers says, “but the reality is it’s a tense time, with incredible pressures on you. That’s the reality.”

Yet, there’s little doubt that going back to the years of our youth, to recapture a sense of innocence, or settle long-festered emotional scores, is one of those fantasies everyone has had. Which is why the whole older-person-in-young-body (or vice versa) thing has been a movie staple for quite some time.

## Peggy Sue Got Married (1986)

Adult (Kathleen Turner) faints at her high school reunion, wakes up in her own past, where she has to deal with her boyfriend (Nicolas Cage). Directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

**Trivia:** Sofia Coppola, the director’s daughter, not only played Turner’s younger sister, but also directed her years later in the 1999 flick “The Virgin Suicides.”



## Big (1988)

Boy wants to be an adult, makes a wish and miraculously finds himself in a grown-up body (Tom Hanks) overnight. Complications ensue when he falls for an adult woman (Elizabeth Perkins).

**Trivia:** The 16-foot piano Hanks and Robert Loggia danced on in the film is now in the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia. The piano was designed by Philly native Remo Saraceni and was donated to the children’s museum by a local couple who bought it shortly after “Big” was released.

## 18 Again (1988)

Thanks to an accident, the souls of a teenager (Charlie Schlatter) and his swinging granddad (George Burns) are swapped. Granddad then sets out to repair some problems in his grandson’s life.

**Trivia:** This was Burns’ last starring role. He was 92 at the time.



## Freaky Friday (2003)

A mother (Jamie Lee Curtis) and her daughter (Lindsay Lohan) switch bodies and have to deal with each other’s crazy lives for a day.

**Trivia:** Previously filmed in 1976 with Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster. Foster was originally offered the adult role in the 2003 version but declined, fearing the stunt casting would hurt the movie.



## 13 Going on 30 (2004)

A young girl makes a wish on her birthday and wakes up as a 30-year-old woman (Jennifer Garner) who is a high-powered magazine editor.

**Trivia:** Gwyneth Paltrow, Renee Zellweger and Hilary Swank were considered for the lead role.

## Vice Versa (1988)

A mysterious artifact turns a father (Judge Reinhold) into his son (Fred Savage) and vice versa.

**Trivia:** The movie is based on an 1882 British novel of the same name that had been filmed three times before in the U.K.


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**STATE OF  
PLAY** (PG-13)


# Stating it like it is

A young congressional researcher is dead. This means trouble for married U.S. Rep. Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck)—who was sleeping with the deceased—and a big story for newspaper reporter Cal (Russell Crowe), who sees a connection between his old college roommate Collins, the mistress and a company earning \$40 billion annually by privatizing homeland security. “State” co-stars the delightfully feisty Rachel McAdams, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn and Jeff Daniels.

**The verdict:** Disguising itself as an ordinary conspiracy thriller, “State” opens up to something much more interesting. It’s not about nailing the bad guys, but about finding the difference between cops and the press, friends and sources, a case and a story. There are plenty of genre conventions, from the requisite red herrings to a mysterious killer slinking behind the scenes. But the presentation of the newsroom and the struggling modern newspaper feels fresh and clued into the challenges of reporting on today’s world. In “State of Play” there are no heroes and villains; just people who act in their own self-interest and people who don’t, and only some who can be trusted to look out for the public. **MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.**



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### OBSERVE AND REPORT

**@deathinkosovo** Observe and Report, while cruel and unusual, is remarkably human in scope and one of 2009’s funnier films.

**@MzCatfUPlz** pretty funny movie! LOL moments, one over-extended gag. Overall guys’ movie

**@sajaro** Kind of unfunny and sad.

### ADVENTURELAND

**@jlabove** Adventureland was a horrifying flashback to my own pubescence. The trailer promised laughs! Made me want to drink and cry.

**@Mariichu** Adventureland was funny and entertaining for the most part. However it was a bit slow at times.

### FAST & FURIOUS

**@MattSTKC** Fast & Furious made me forget the first 3 existed. Good. Damn good.

### HANNAH MONTANA

**@serendipityoo7** Not gonna lie, Hannah Montana was pretty awesome. You’re never too old for cheesy Disney movies! (well, at least I’m not...)

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**@allaboutkelli** Knowing was like bad X-Files clips edited together along with Nic Cage’s outrageous facial expressions

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# Affleck's political act

Actor learned the part of politician for his role in 'State of Play'



By Miki Turner  
FOR REDEYE

Ben Affleck isn't a politician, but he can relate to his latest character, U.S. Rep. Stephen Collins, in another way.

Like Collins in his latest film, "State of Play," Affleck's been under intense media scrutiny for years. He first made headlines winning an Oscar in 1998 for writing "Good Will Hunting" with his pal Matt Damon, but really rallied the paparazzi a few years later by dating Jennifer Lopez.

Collins, on the other hand, becomes headline fodder after the young staff assistant he's been having an affair with mysteriously dies.

Affleck, now married to another Jennifer—Garner, the mother of his daughters Violet and Seraphina—lives a much more sedate life these days. Yet Affleck still had something to say about media scrutiny for both celebrities and politicians during a recent interview in L.A. to promote "State of Play," a thriller co-starring Russell Crowe, Helen Mirren

and Rachel McAdams that hits theaters on Friday.

According to Affleck, politicians often fare better under the glare than celebrities do. He believes that reporters tend to "bend the truth" when covering disgraced politicians, but that the media "flat make up stories" when it comes to celebs.

"I'm not a total expert, but I have had some experience," Affleck said. "They're very similar in terms of the pressures that exist, that are brought to bear on the media side to sell magazines, newspapers and to get hits on your Web site."

"On the political side, people are a little more judicious about completely abandoning journalistic standards. But still, you have those same impulses to ... find the story, to dig up the sort of most scandalous aspect of it. But, I think there's the other side that's at war too—the side that wants to do good journalism, do good reporting, that cares about the substantial stuff."

That same mantra could apply to Affleck's more recent career choices. Since

winning his Oscar, Affleck has worked steadily but sometimes— "Gigli," anyone?—in bad movies. Now that he's older and wiser, however, he wants to do films that he feels good about, regardless of what they might do at the box office.

"State of Play" and "He's Just Not That Into You" are the first films he's appeared in as an actor in more than two years. Affleck took some time off to direct his first feature, "Gone Baby Gone," and is currently preparing to direct and star in his second, "Town," based on Chuck Hogan's book "Prince of Thieves."

Both films are crime thrillers set in Boston, Affleck's hometown. After "Town" he hopes to re-team with Damon on a project that they both might direct.

Getting back into acting, however, has been a welcome relief. It affords him the freedom of not having to "worry about everything all the time," he said. "I could just go to the trailer and listen to music and call people." **MIKI TURNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

## Role play

Ben Affleck spent time with members of Congress to research his role as a U.S. representative in "State of Play."

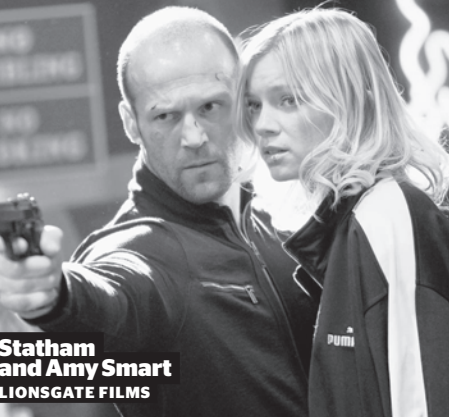
He told them up front that his character exhibited "unflattering behavior," he said, but they agreed to let him shadow them anyway.

"The overall sense we want to get across is that there are people who are working hard, there are people who are intelligent," said Affleck, a political junkie and staunch President Obama supporter. "There's this bias, I think, that people have about Congress that it's this huge lumbering body that gives away money and like they're these big sloppy Muppets from 'Dark Crystal' that just march next to each other, incredibly slowly, and go, 'Eeerrrrum.' That's not what I saw. They're much faster Muppets!"

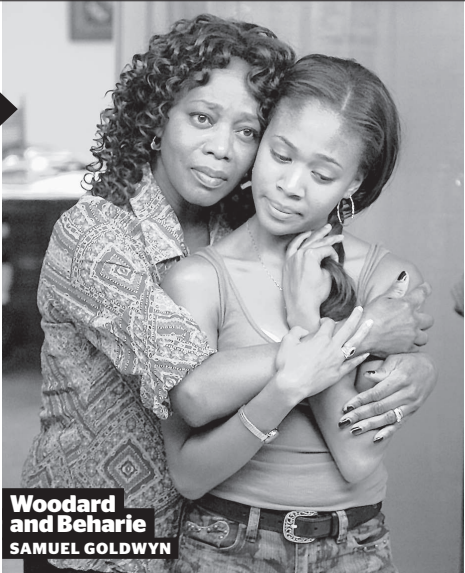
Despite his interest in politics, don't count on Affleck joining the parade one day.

"I really like my job that I have now," he said. "Plus in politics—unlike Hollywood where you only have to have one director to hire you—in politics you have to have a lot of people vote for you. It's harder work." **M.T.**

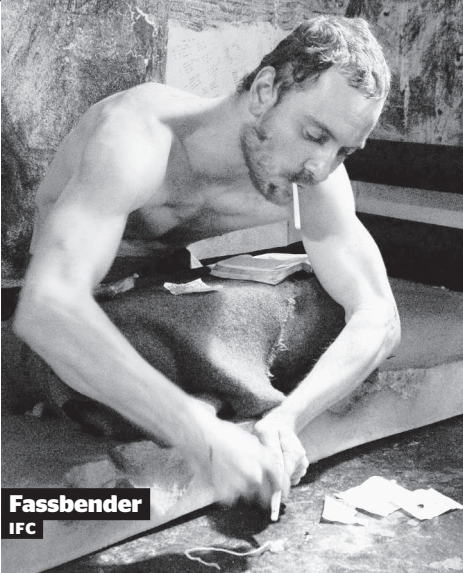
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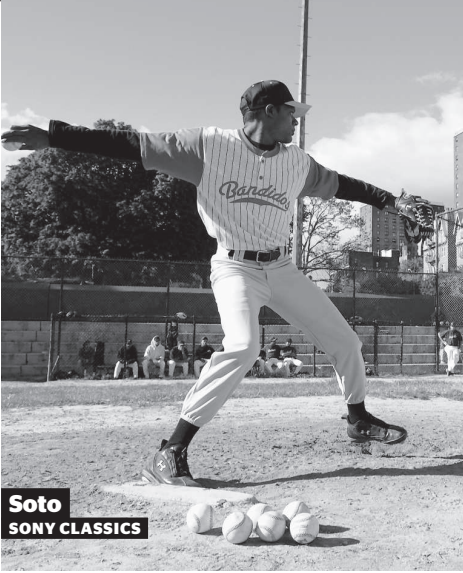
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**Worth watching?** “Nicole Beharie gives a boldly engaging performance as a single mother unjustly accused and unwilling to take it.”  
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**Who's in it:** Michael Fassbender, Liam Cunningham  
**What it's about:** In 1981, Irish Republican Army leader Bobby Sands (Fassbender) began starving himself in Belfast’s Maze prison to protest being classified as a criminal, rather than a political prisoner. He was joined by other IRA inmates, drawing international attention to their cause.  
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# Efren Ramirez ups the voltage in 'Crank'

**By Ryan Smith**  
FOR REDEYE

Efren Ramirez may not be a household name, but his face is an instantly recognizable one for diehard fans of "Napoleon Dynamite."

Fans still cry out "Pedro!" when they see Ramirez, whose iconic turn as the wispy mustachioed high schooler in the 2004 comedy caused millions to don "Vote for Pedro" T-shirts.

Since "Dynamite," Ramirez has kept busy doing commercials, DJing, rapping, guest judging on "America's Next Top Model" and even writing a book. He's back in theaters Friday in "Crank: High Voltage," playing the twin brother of his transvestite character, Kaylo, from the first "Crank" film. Jason Statham is back in the new film too, as a heart transplant patient who must continually get huge electrical shocks to keep his heart going.

Ramirez chatted with RedEye on the phone about the new film and his career.

**Describe your role in the new "Crank."**

We decided to create a twin. We knew

what Kaylo was like. He was much more of a civilian. Venus is more of a soldier. He's darker, and he's out there to avenge his brother's death. He understands the art of war.

So to prepare, for three months I was training with kung fu and learning weaponry. I'm a black belt in tae kwon do so it was cool to finally open up that world.

**It sounds like you intentionally try to play different kinds of characters.**

You have to be able to adapt. "Napoleon Dynamite" let me have a lot [of offers] to choose from. I had the opportunity to play this transvestite and I was like, "Wow, why not?" As an actor, you want to do different things and constantly challenge yourself.

I was talking to Johnny Depp and Daniel Day-Lewis and they were saying you should always want to do something totally different. If you're just doing it for the money, then fine, but I want to challenge myself creatively.

**If you were in the same situation as Statham's character, what do you think you'd do?**

I'd cry, a lot.

**It's been several years now since "Napoleon Dynamite." How do you feel about that movie and Pedro?**

It's a positive film where everyone was able to sit down and enjoy it. Everywhere I go, people know me and they really appreciate it. I'd love to continue to play characters like that, who people really like.

**Do you still see "Vote for Pedro" shirts out there?**

Yeah, I DJ all over the world and people always come up to me. I mean, between the movie, the action figures, the dolls, and hats ... people go bananas about it. I'm doing MTV Spring Break right now and I went out last night in Panama City, Fla., and people would see me and freak out. Girls would come up and be all shaking and they're like, "Can I give you a hug?" I say, "Yeah, of course." It's cool.

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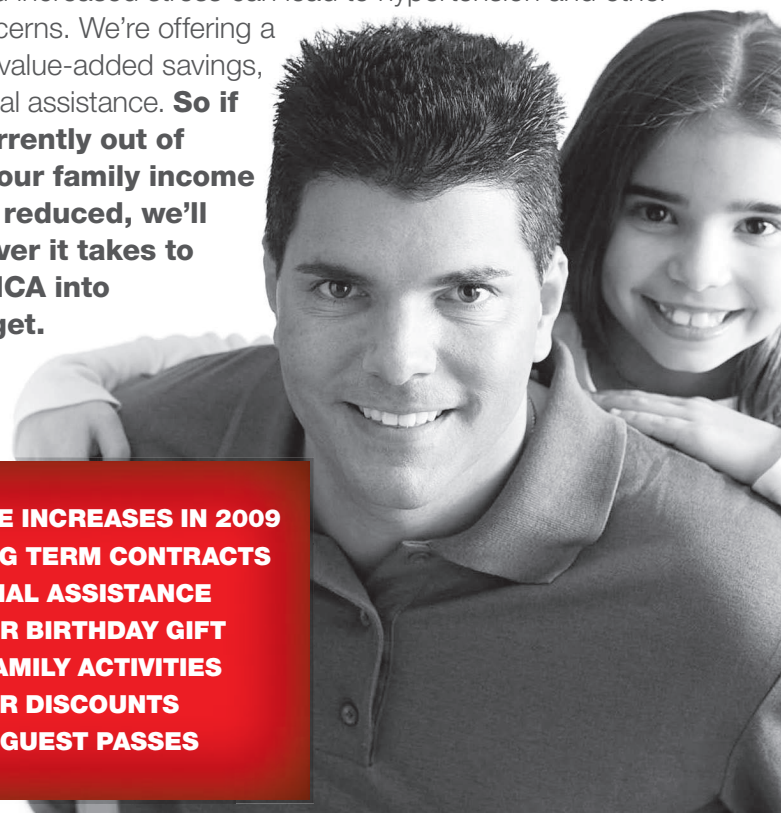
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Will Arnett and his character Ennis Hoffard.

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## Sit down, and listen

### Associated Press

"My PEANUT butter! ... My PEANut butter! ... MYYYYY peanut butter!"

At full throttle, Will Arnett was pushing out one version, then another, of a line from his script.

After the fourth or fifth stab, he burst into laughter.

"That's great," said Arnett's collaborator, who was nowhere to be seen in the Manhattan recording studio, but could be heard through the control room speakers as clearly as if he were standing right beside Arnett at the microphone.

That voice belonged to Mitchell Hurwitz, creator of the Fox animated comedy "Sit Down, Shut Up." He was weighing in from his L.A. home base, linked with Arnett from across the country and, like Arnett, clearly having a blast.

Their series, focusing on the demented teachers and staff of a small Florida high school, premieres at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. But this particular recording session took place last October. For "Sit Down, Shut Up," the character voices are recorded individually, actor by actor, in New York or L.A., to accommodate a cast that also includes Jason Bateman, Kristin Chenoweth, Will Forte, Kenan Thompson, Cheri Oteri, Henry Winkler, Nick Kroll and Tom Kenny. Only then can the time-consuming business of animation begin.

Under Hurwitz's disembodied guidance, Arnett had thrown himself into his role, Ennis Hoffard, a snide English teacher and would-be athlete who, however inappropri-

ately, wears Spandex bike shorts at all times.

Hurwitz fed Arnett this line: "Do you like music?" Arnett erupted in his character's pettish growl: "I TOLD you, I'm a giant Huey Lewis fan. So ... NO!!!"

They did it again and again, playing around with different approaches. And cracking themselves up.

For an observing reporter, everything was out of context. Nothing about Arnett's give-and-take with Hurwitz made sense. But it was hilarious.

"I'm rolling on 48, guys," the engineer announced as the next take began, whereupon, in Ennis' gravelly bluster, Arnett tore into his dialogue: "That's outrageous! I have a long list of demands—No. 1: a list of demands ... No. 2: you accept full blame for this ... No. 3: I want whiskey to come in cans."

Hurwitz suggested, "How about a helicopter?"

Arnett: "I want a chopper, fully gassed, on the helipad within the next half-hour. I want whiskey to come in cans. And could you fill that helicopter with whiskey? But not FILLED. Obviously, leave room for me and the pilot."

He and Hurwitz shared more bicoastal laughter. No doubt about it: A job like this is even better than whiskey in cans.

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Drew Barrymore (left) and Jessica Lange co-star in "Grey Gardens." HBO

### TV "Grey Gardens"

7 p.m. Saturday, HBO

Who knew Drew Barrymore could do drama? She's a huge surprise in this film based on the real lives of "Little Edie" Bouvier Beale (Barrymore) and her mother, "Big Edie" Bouvier Beale (Jessica Lange), who were the subjects of Albert and David Maysles' 1975 cult classic documentary. The touching, uncompromising film follows the Beales from their New York society heights of the 1930s to the 1970s, when Jackie O's rich, eccentric relatives were found living with dozens of cats and raccoons in their run-down East Hampton estate, called Grey Gardens. Lange and Barrymore give exceptional performances as two women who, for whatever reason, went from true beauties to bonkers.

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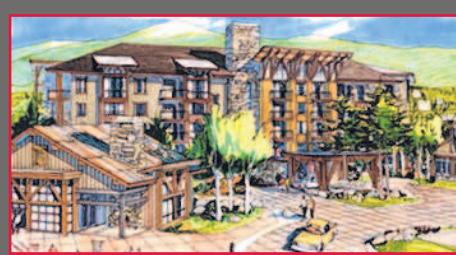
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By Kevin Hunt

The \$165 million in bonuses dished out to AIG executives last month was a national-scale raw deal. Today, I return to a more palatable, personal-scale raw deal: the exorbitant price that Apple wants to replace an iPod battery.

Apple has made replacing the battery either challenging, risky or impossible for most iPod owners. Return it, Apple says, and it'll replace it with someone else's returned iPod, newly freshened up and impregnated with a fresh battery. Apple charges anywhere from \$49 for a Shuffle to \$79 for a Touch.

For my old-time (first-generation) Nano, a measly 2 gigabytes and itself long since replaced by a Touch, investing \$59 for a \$2.85 battery didn't make sense. So I bought a \$2.85 (plus shipping) lithium-ion battery from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and did it myself.

Apple didn't make it easy. I had to pry open the Nano with two plastic tools that came with the battery and, when that failed, summon additional armament—the tip of a paring knife—to access the motherboard.

Then I needed a soldering iron to remove the old battery leads from the motherboard before securing the new battery. Lost you at

the soldering iron? Here's the easy way out: Snip the other end of the three lead wires, close to the original battery, leaving the soldered ends in place. Strip some covering off the wires, then twist them together with the corresponding leads of the new battery. Wrap each in electrician's tape, and the iPod's reborn.

OK, let's just say it can be done. Newer iPods are much more difficult (thank you, Mother Apple). For the Touch, don't even think DIY. It'll cost \$79 if returned to Apple, but there are plenty of less-expensive options. Two: Juice Your iPod ([ipodjuice.com](http://ipodjuice.com)) will do it for \$32, RapidRepair ([rapidrepair.com](http://rapidrepair.com)) for \$50.

With proper care, an iPod battery should last about 400 charges. Enjoy it while it lasts. **KEVIN HUNT** IS A WRITER FOR THE HARTFORD COURANT.



## Tips to take charge of your battery

Better to think now about prolonging your iPod battery's life before determining if you can stomach a transplant. Here are some tips, most of them Apple-approved:

- » **Use it or lose it.** Do not leave an iPod dormant for months. That was my mistake with the Nano. Run the battery down, although not necessarily out, once a month to keep the little lithium ion happy.
- » **Keep iTunes software up to date.** If there's new software, you'll find it via iTunes when connecting the iPod to a computer with Internet access.
- » **Use small audio files.** The bigger ones sound much better when played through your home audio system, but they're tough on the iPod's battery-driven hard drive. The smaller audio files (mp3 or aac) are less taxing.
- » **Switch the iPod into Hold mode.** If you carry around an iPod in a pocket or purse, you could accidentally activate it and drain the battery.
- » **Check the settings.** If you don't need something, turn it off. Backlighting while listening to music? Don't need it.
- » **Create iTunes playlists** instead of using the iPod's "shuffle" mode.
- » **Don't overuse** the "next" and "previous" functions.
- » **For the Touch,** reduce the brightness setting. Turn off auto-brightness and "ask to join networks." Turn off Wi-Fi when not in use too. Use the sleep/wake button instead of on/off if you'll return to the Touch soon. Under "fetch new data," turn off "push" and set "fetch" to manual. Turn "fetch" mail to the manual setting.
- » **Keep the iPod, and its battery, at room temperature** when possible. Extreme cold will make the iPod sluggish. Extreme heat could damage the battery.

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**The setup:** The Obamas got a puppy this week.

## In the dating world, is a pet a deal-breaker?



### I hate dogs and I cannot lie

I know that answering this question will rule me out as a possible mate for 99 percent of women in the world, but that just cuts down the time it will take me to do it myself: I hate dogs. Hate them. It's like having all the responsibility of raising a child, except instead of becoming a thoughtful adult later in life, they just remain really dumb, needy animals. Having said that, I could totally date a dog-lover (and have), but as far as a future goes, don't count on it. There isn't a woman pretty enough—or smart, funny and charming enough—to get me to spend 2 to 3 hours a day walking a dog just so I can pick up its excrement. And yes, I'm well aware that I am the only person in the world who feels this way. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



### Love me, love my pets

I love animals. I've always had pets and can't imagine not having one. I currently have two cats and I would love to add a dog to the household some day. Having said that, if a man tells me that he hates animals, or is allergic to dogs or cats, it's typically a non-starter for both of us. I want to date someone who can appreciate kitties or cute pooches, and he probably doesn't want to share our quiet time with pet maintenance, or have to dope himself with Benadryl to spend an evening in my home. I don't mind if a guy is indifferent about animals. He doesn't have to love Bailey and Phoebe—and he can even join in my complaints about their profuse shedding—but he can't threaten to torture them or drop them off at the shelter, otherwise he'll find himself in the doghouse. Permanently. **THE GINA SPOT COLUMNIST GINA B. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



### People love comes first

As the proud mom to a cat and two dogs, I firmly believe pets are living beings, not pieces of furniture. If you're willing to kick Spot to the curb just because someone you're trying to bag doesn't fancy dogs, you are unworthy of canine companionship anyway. Now, if you fall head-over-high-heels in for-reals love with a girl who is deathly allergic to non-human fur, that's different. Much as I love them, four-legged critters come in second place to two-legged ones. If after careful consideration you choose cohabitation with her over your pet, God bless you. Just be sure, before you bring the girl into your home, that your puppy or kitty has a nice new home of its own. **UPTOWN GRRRL JENNI SPINNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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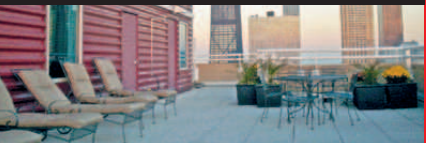


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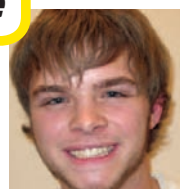
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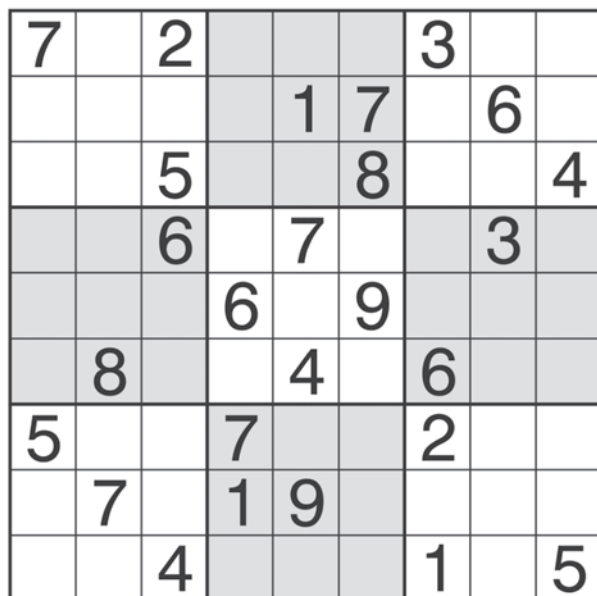


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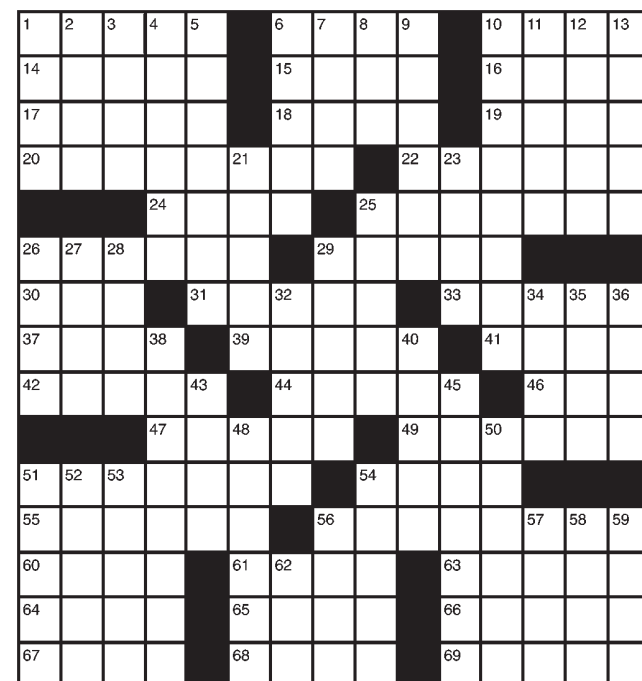
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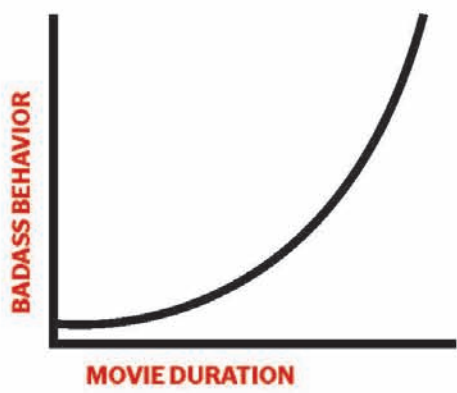
# Crazy like a Fox

Megan Fox is heading to the border. The “Transformers” star has been cast in a new Screen Gems flick called “The Crossing,” according to reports. She’ll play a woman who smuggles drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border in an effort to save her husband, who was kidnapped while on vacation in Mexico. That’s really all we know about the thriller at this point. Will it be big as “Transformers”? Will it feature a steamy onscreen romance? Will there be explosions? We can’t say for sure. But we can offer up a few guesses—charted for your pleasure.

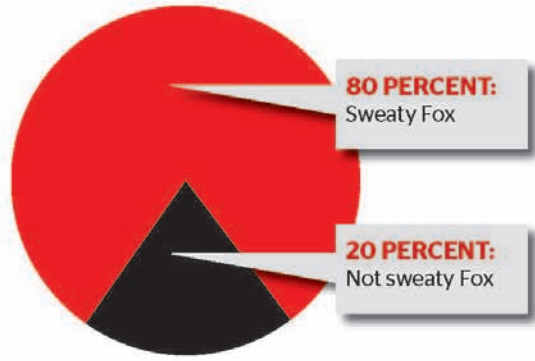


Megan Fox  
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**Expected rise in Fox’s badass behavior throughout duration of “The Crossing”**



**Percentage of “The Crossing” likely to showcase Fox perspiring in a dusty border setting**



**Characters from other Fox movies and their likelihood of appearing in “The Crossing,” on a scale of 0 to 10**

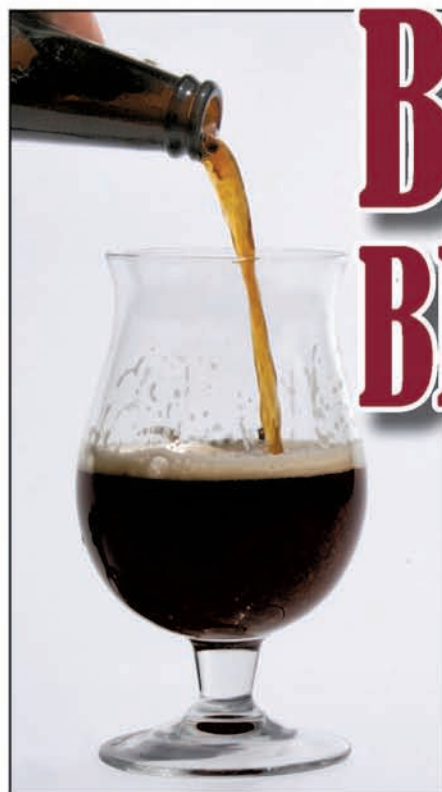


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- » Recovering Josh Hartnett: It was just a stomach bug
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# Got mutant?

Even superheroes drink milk. An ultra-buff Hugh Jackman, appearing as movie character Wolverine, rocks a milk mustache in a new Body By Milk campaign set to debut Friday in Rolling Stone. The copy reads, "My powers to regenerate might be top secret but my ability to re-energize is simple. Milk has protein to help build muscle and a unique mix of nutrients to help you refuel. So eat right, train hard and drink lowfat milk. That's just common mutant sense."

## APRIL 18

If you're a naughty girl, head to Hogs and Honeys, 901 W. Weed St., on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the open casting call for Oxygen's "The Bad Girls Club," according to the Bunim/Murray Productions Web site.

## SEPT. 2

When the American Idol 2009 Summer Tour rolls into Allstate Arena. Tickets go on sale May 9.

### THE VELVET ROPE

#### Baby on board, again

Heidi Klum and Seal are adding another wee one to the family, according to **people.com**. The baby, due in the fall, will join Leni, 4, Henry Gunther, 3, and Johan Riley, 2. The supermodel hinted at more children in an interview with Redbook last year, saying "I feel like we still have one coming."



Klum

#### He's got her number

"Whaaaat? Okaaaaaaaaaaaaay!" We can only imagine that's what rapper Lil John says when he gets an unusual call on his new cell phone number, which he says is tween star Miley Cyrus' old one. "I was basically in shock," he told "Access Hollywood." "Especially when I get texts like, 'Congratulations on Teen Vogue!'"



Lil John

#### Tough talk

Call it a motivational strategy. "Biggest Loser" trainer Jillian Michaels pulled no punches in a recent interview with the AP about what it's like to push the plus-size players on the show, calling them "half-dead." "A normal person, I could be like 'OK, mama, jump up there. Warm up five minutes.' You'd be like, 'OK,'" Michaels says. "These people are half-dead. I mean, it's not the same."

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### You vote

Do you think the "American Idol" judges used their "save" wisely on Matt Giraud on Wednesday's show? Text **"save"** and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

- 1. No**—What a waste
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